



Idaho

Dental Hygienists' Association

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Dear Idaho Hygienists,

In 2019, the ADHA House of Delegates voted and approved the following statement:

“The American Dental Hygienists’ Association supports elimination of the patient procedure-based, single encounter clinical examination for candidates who are graduates of Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited dental hygiene programs and who are eligible to take the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination.”

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, ADHA supports the elimination of live patient clinical exams for 2020 graduating dental hygiene students, as this would put the safety of students, examiners, and patients at risk. The IDHA Board of Direction advocates for this initiative.

It is important to support our future colleagues in this unprecedented situation, knowing our programs have more than adequately prepared their students to enter the workforce. Students are still required to meet accreditation standards and complete program requirements prior to graduation. In addition, students must pass all written board exams.

In order to voice your opinion, follow the link below to contact Governor Little.

<https://www.votervoice.net/ADHA/campaigns/71944/respond>

Respectfully,
IDHA Board of Direction